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THE TIME IS EXACTLY TWENTY MINUTES PAST MIDNIGHT ON NOVEMBER 26TH, 1950! THE LONG, MOURNFUL NOTES OF TAPS SNEAK ACROSS THE FROZEN YALU RIVER FROM MANCHURIA, AND DRIFT OVER THE SNOW-CLAD HILLS OF NORTH KOREA! THE NOTES FLOAT AWAY AND DIE... SUDDENLY THE NIGHT IS EXPLODING WITH THE CLASH OF CYMBALS, WHISTLES SHRIEK OUT, GUNS BOOM, MACHINE GUNS CHATTER... AND ONCE MORE HUMAN BEINGS BECOME NOTHING MORE THAN...

CANNON FODDER

FOUR ABREAST THE REDS COME CHARGING...

RIGHT SMACK INTO OUR MINE FIELD!

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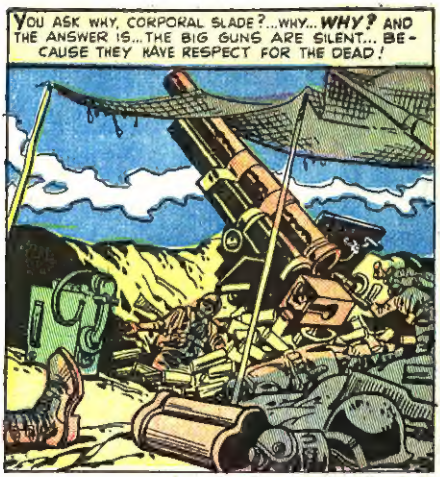
AND STILL THEY COME--TRAMPLING OVER THEIR DEAD AND WOUNDED COMRADES--THEIR BODIES RIPPING THRU OUR BARBED-WIRE BARRICADE...
BRRA-TAT-TAT-TA
THERE IS NO STOPPING THEM... THIS IS JEN HAI... THE HUMAN SEA... THEIR FLESH AGAINST OUR BULLETS...
MORE AMMO... QUICK!
BAZOOKAS!
BURP-GUNS!
BAYONETS!
BARE HANDS!
BUT WHERE ARE THE BIG GUNS?
DON'T THEY KNOW THERE'S A WAR GOING ON?
WHY DON'T THOSE BLASTED BIG GUNS OPEN UP? WHY? WHY?


YOU ASK WHY, CORPORAL SLADE?...WHY...WHY? AND THE ANSWER IS...THE BIG GUNS ARE SILENT... BECAUSE THEY HAVE RESPECT FOR THE DEAD!

THE BIG GUNS DON'T ANSWER BECAUSE DEAD MEN CANNOT SHOOT--THEY CANNOT PLAY WAR! THEY AREN'T SOLDIERS ANYMORE, CORPORAL! NOW THEY ARE NOTHING BUT SERIAL NUMBERS ON COLD DOG-TAGS...

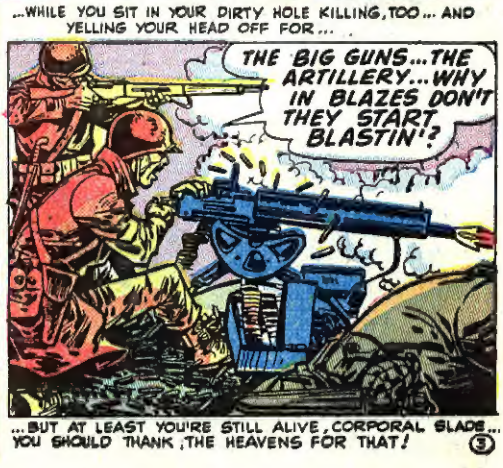
...BUT YOU DON'T KNOW THAT...DO YOU, CORPORAL SLADE? HOW COULD YOU?... YOU WEREN'T HERE WHEN THOSE NORTH KOREAN GUERRILLAS DRESSED AS G.I'S CAME OUT OF THE HILLS..AND WHEN SGT. HART RECOGNIZED THEM... IT WAS TOO LATE...

WHAT OUTFIT YOU...HEY! THEY'RE NOT G.I'S... THEY'RE NORTH KORE... ARGGH!
BLAM

CLACK
POW
BAM
POW
POW

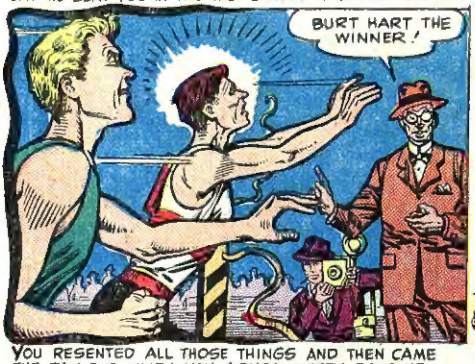
AR-G-G!

...AND THEN THE NORTH KOREANS LEFT...TOWARD THE NEXT BIG GUN...AND AFTER THAT THE NEXT AND THE NEXT...

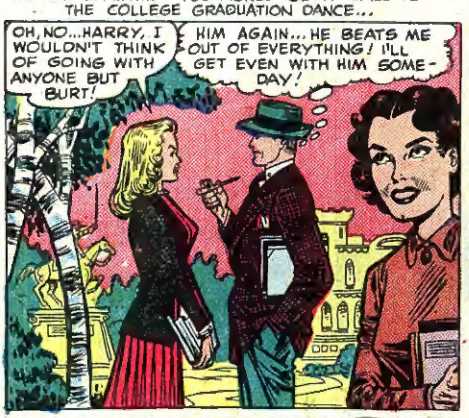

...WHILE YOU SIT IN YOUR DIRTY HOLE KILLING, TOO... AND YELLING YOUR HEAD OFF FOR...
THE BIG GUNS...THE ARTILLERY...WHY IN BLAZES DON'T THEY START BLASTIN'?
...BUT AT LEAST YOU'RE STILL ALIVE, CORPORAL SLADE... YOU SHOULD THANK THE HEAVENS FOR THAT!

BUT YOU WON'T THANK ANYBODY, BECAUSE YOU'RE BITTER...
...AND YOU'RE SORE AT THE WHOLE BLASTED ARMY...
...AND YOU'RE SCARED!
BR-R-R-RAT! BRAT-TA-TA
AND WHILE YOU'RE KILLING YOUR HATE DRIVES YOUR THOUGHTS BACK... YOU START TO REMEMBER THINGS... THINGS LIKE YOUR HATE FOR THE ARTILLERY AND ESPECIALLY FOR SGT. HART...
THE ARTILLERY--BAH! MAMA'S BOYS...GOLDBRICKIN' BEHIND THE LINES--LETTIN' US DOUGHFEET DO ALL THE BATTLIN'!
SURE THAT'S WHAT YOU TOLD SGT. HART THE LAST TIME YOU SAW HIM... JUST ABOUT A WEEK AGO! BOY, YOU SURE SHOT YOUR BIG MOUTH OFF, WISE-GUY...
...YEAH, YOU HEARD ME...US FOOT SOLDIERS DO ALL THE FIGHTING! YOU BOOM-BOOM GUYS HAVE A SWEET RACKET SITTIN' HERE OUTTA DANGER WHILE THE INFANTRY FIGHTS THE WAR FOR YA!
AW, KNOCK IT OFF, SLADE!
YOU'RE ALWAYS GRIPIN' ABOUT THE RACKET EVERYBODY ELSE HAS IN THIS ARMY! YOU PICK ON THE AIR CORPS, THE TANK BOYS, THE MEDICS... EVERYBODY HAS IT EASY BUT YOU AN' THE INFANTRY!
YEAH... AN' THAT'S THE TRUTH!
...MAYBE IT IS... BUT WE DIDN'T ASK TO BE PUT INTO THE ARTILLERY ANYMORE THAN YOU ASKED TO BE PUT INTO THE ARMY! NOW SHUT UP AN' GET OUT OF HERE!
AW... PULLIN' YER RANK ON ME, HUH? JUST LIKE AN ARTILLERY MAN! SO LONG, MAMA'S BOY!

BUT YOU DON'T HATE THE SGT. JUST BECAUSE HE'S IN THE ARTILLERY... DO YOU, CORPORAL? NO... IT GOES BACK FURTHER... BACK BEFORE THE WAR! YOU'RE NOT SURE EXACTLY WHEN IT STARTED... BUT IT COULD'VE BEEN THAT DAY HE BEAT YOU IN THE HIGH-SCHOOL 400 YARD DASH...



YOU RESENTED ALL THOSE THINGS AND THEN CAME THE PAY-OFF... WHEN YOU ASKED BETTY DALE TO THE COLLEGE GRADUATION DANCE...


OH, NO... HARRY, I WOULDN'T THINK OF GOING WITH ANYONE BUT BURT!
HIM AGAIN... HE BEATS ME OUT OF EVERYTHING! I'LL GET EVEN WITH HIM SOMEDAY!

HE ALWAYS SEEMED TO DO ALL THINGS A LITTLE BETTER THAN YOU, DIDN'T HE, CORPORAL...?

HE PLAYED BETTER BASEBALL THAN YOU...

...AND WAS HIGH SCORER ON THE BASKETBALL TEAM...

...AND THE FOOTBALL STAR...

...BUT YOU COULDN'T EVEN MAKE THE TEAM...

YOU WERE IN LOVE WITH BETTY... BUT SHE DIDN'T EVEN LIKE YOU! THAT'S WHY YOU ALMOST EXPLODED WITH HATE A YEAR LATER, WHEN BURT TOLD YOU...

YOU RAN AWAY AFTER YOU SLUGGED HIM... YOU WERE BITTER... YOU WERE ANGRY AND SCARED... JUST AS YOU ARE RIGHT NOW...

..BUT YOU DIDN'T LAUGH LONG, DID YOU, CORPORAL SLADE? ONLY A WEEK... BECAUSE WHEN YOU GOT HOME ONE EVENING YOU HAD A LETTER WAITING FOR YOU...
...AND YOU HAVE TO REPORT FOR YOUR PHYSICAL IN TWO DAYS, HARRY!
YEAH, YEAH, MOM... THEY'RE DRAFTING ME! NOW QUIT ASKIN' QUESTIONS!
SURE YOU PASSED YOUR PHYSICAL AND THEY MADE A SOLDIER OUT OF YOU IN FIFTEEN WEEKS AT FORT DIX! THEN THEY SHIPPED YOU STRAIGHT TO KOREA... AND WHO'S THE FIRST GUY YOU RUN INTO OVER THERE BUT..
THAT RAT... BURT HART! THAT'S HIM... BUT I WANT NOTHIN' TO DO WITH HIM!
HEY! HARRY... HARRY SLADE!
PARKING AREA
HI, HARRY! GEE IT'S GOOD TO SEE SOMEONE FROM THE OLD HOME TOWN!
YEAH... IT... IT...
YOU WERE JUST ABOUT TO SHAKE HIS HAND... BUT YOU HESITATED WHEN YOU SAW THE STRIPES ON HIS ARM!
AND YOUR OLD HATE AND ENVY GOT HOLD OF YOU AGAIN... AND YOU TURNED AND WALKED AWAY...
HE TOPPED YOU AGAIN... HE'S A SARGE AND YOU'RE A CORPORAL! YOU COULDN'T STAND THAT SO YOU PICKED A FIGHT WITH HIM ONE DAY... AND THEY PUT GLOVES ON YOU TWO AND STUCK YOU INTO A RING...
GIVE HIM THE HEAVY ARTILLERY, SARGE!
COME ON YARD-BIRD, SLUG 'IM!
OOFA!
THUD!
-7-8-9-10- OUT!
YOU PROBABLY COULD'VE LASTED LONGER THAN TWO ROUNDS, CORPORAL... IF YOU DIDN'T GET THE SARGE RILED UP WITH YOUR DIRTY FIGHTING...

BUT NOW YOU'RE IN A BIGGER FIGHT...A FIGHT FOR YOUR LIFE, CORPORAL! THOSE REDS ARE POURING OVER THE BORDER FASTER THAN YOU CAN SHOOT! YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE LEFT IN YOUR SQUAD...

THE ARTILLERY... THE BIG GUNS... WHY DON'T THEY START FIRIN'?

BRAT-AT-TAT-TA-TAT

IT'S THAT BLASTED BURT... SGT. BURT HART... HE'S KEEPIN' THE BIG GUNS FROM FIRIN' 'CAUSE HE WANTS ME TO GET KILLED!

HE'S SAFE BEHIND THE LINES... WHILE WE HAVE TO DO ALL HIS DIRTY FIGHTING FOR...

YI-A-A-A! A GRENADE!

WHEEEEEEEEE

BRUM

CPL. SLADE DIED AT THE FRONT FIGHTING FOR HIS COUNTRY... SGT. HART DIED FOR THE SAME CAUSE FAR BEHIND THE BATTLE LINE! IN A WAR ***EVERY*** SOLDIER IS ***CANNON FODDER***... WHETHER HE BE A CLERK, A TRUCK-DRIVER, PILOT, DOUGHFOOT... OR A ***FOUR STAR GENERAL!*** THE DOG-TAGS NAILED TO FIELDS OF WHITE CROSSES IN KOREA ARE GRIM REMINDERS OF THIS!

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BLIND MAN'S BLUFF

TOD HUNTER looked down at the dead man, and his jaw tightened.

"Pop Hunter was a good soul. He never hurt anyone in his whole life. Any rat who would kill an old blind man for a few hundred dollars deserves to die in the electric chair, and by Jove, I'm going to catch him if it takes the rest of my life."

"Excuse me, Lieutenant Hunter," said the police sergeant, "but we picked up this kid in the pool hall. Name is Cal Johnson. We found two hundred dollars on him, this blackjack, and he's got a long scratch on his arm that might have come from the stickpin we found in the dead man's hand. He's got no alibi for the hour that the coroner claims the death blow took place."

Tod looked at the tough kid. He was from one of the neighborhood gangs, the kind that slums invariably spawn, but he didn't look like a bad kid. Scared, was more how he looked.

"Did you do it, kid?" asked detective Hunter.

"No. Honest, I swear I didn't. I was out takin' a walk through the park. I wasn't anywhere near here. Tony Blair gave me the dough to hold for him. An' — an' this scratch . . . I did it by accident. I swear. I caught my arm on a nail."

Sergeant Knowles snarled at the kid: "Yeah? An' that blackjack. What about that?"

"Cripes. All the kids carry 'em. I gotta be able to defend myself, ain't I?"

Tod told the sergeant to take the boy back to the station-house for further questioning. Then he went back to thinking about poor Pop Jenks. Tod had known Jenks for many years. They were good friends, especially since Tod himself had been blind in his youth, and they had much in common. Pop Jenks had become blinded later in life, when a hit-and-run-driver had smashed him up. It was Tod Hunter who had taught the old man to move around without the use of his eyes, and it was Tod who had gotten him this newsstand on the corner of Third and Main.

He studied the figure of the old man, carefully. And the position and the arrangement of things in the newsstand. Somehow he had the feeling that Cal Johnson, one of the neighborhood's toughest kids, had not killed the old man. He didn't know why he felt that way, but he did.

He picked up the crumpled newspaper that had been clutched in Pop's hand when they found him. It was crumpled tight as if the old man was trying to grasp at the last shred of life with all his elderly strength. Tod spread the paper out, smoothing it carefully. Then, suddenly, a look of amazement spread over his face. He looked at pop's position, and then down at the paper again, and he stood up straight. He had found a clue.

He walked up to the corner tobacco store and called headquarters to find the address of Tony Blair, the man that Cal had claimed gave him the money to hold. Then he hailed a cab and told the driver: "360 Morgan Street, and hurry!"

Ten minutes later he was in front of an old ramshackle tenement building in the heart of the slum district. He paid the cabbie, and walked upstairs. On the third floor he stopped and listened at the door to apartment 3-C. It was quiet, but he could hear faint sounds of someone moving around. That would be Tony Blair — killer of old men, if Hunter was right.

He took his gun out of the shoulder holster and slid it into his right hand coat pocket, then — with his left hand — he knocked on the door.

"Who's there?"

"Telegram, Western Union."

"Slip it under the door."

"Can't, mister. You gotta sign for it."

"Oh, all right. Just a minnit."

The door opened a crack, and Tod saw a slit-eyed red face through it.

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MAIL CALL!
OKAY, FERRIS, YOU CAN COME OUT OF HIDING NOW... THAT'S THE LAST OF THEM!
BOY, WHAT A GOLDBRICKER THAT FERRIS GUY IS!
HE DON'T TAKE NO CHANCES, THAT'S A FACT!
COMPANY "A", WE'LL REST IN THESE BUILDINGS! BE CAREFUL HOW YOU ENTER, THERE MAY BE A FEW SNIPERS LEFT!
C'MON, GUYS, THIS DUMP LOOKS IN PRETTY GOOD SHAPE!
BROOKLYN, COVER ME! IN CASE THERE'S MORE THAN ONE RAT IN THIS CELLAR!
WATCH IT, CURLY!

CAREFUL NOW!
THAT'S ONE WARNING YOU NEVER HAVE TO GIVE TO FERRIS... HE'S ALWAYS CAREFUL!
CUT OUT THE PUSHIN', FERRIS!
SNIPER QUICK... GET HIM!
GOT HIM! THAT WAS CLOSE!
CRACK
AAROORGH
FERRIS, YUH JERK! YOU'VE GOT A GUN... WHY DIDN'T YOU GET HIM?
YEAH! YOU SAW HIM! HE MIGHTA GOT A COUPLE OF US! JUST OUR LUCK THAT COWBOY IS FAST WITH HIS GUN!
WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YUH, YUH YELLER PUNK...?
LAY OFF ME! I'M NOT YELLOW... I'M JUST CAREFUL I'VE GOT TOO MUCH TO LIVE FOR TO TAKE ANY CHANCES!
HERE HE COMES WITH THAT DAME AGAIN!
SHE ISN'T A DAME.. SHE'S MY WIFE, GLORIA! I WAS LUCKY TO WIN HER! AND ONCE THIS WAR IS OVER, I GOT A WONDERFUL LIFE AHEAD OF ME WITH HER!
LET'S SEE THAT PICTURE!
To my husband Jack with all my love. Gloria
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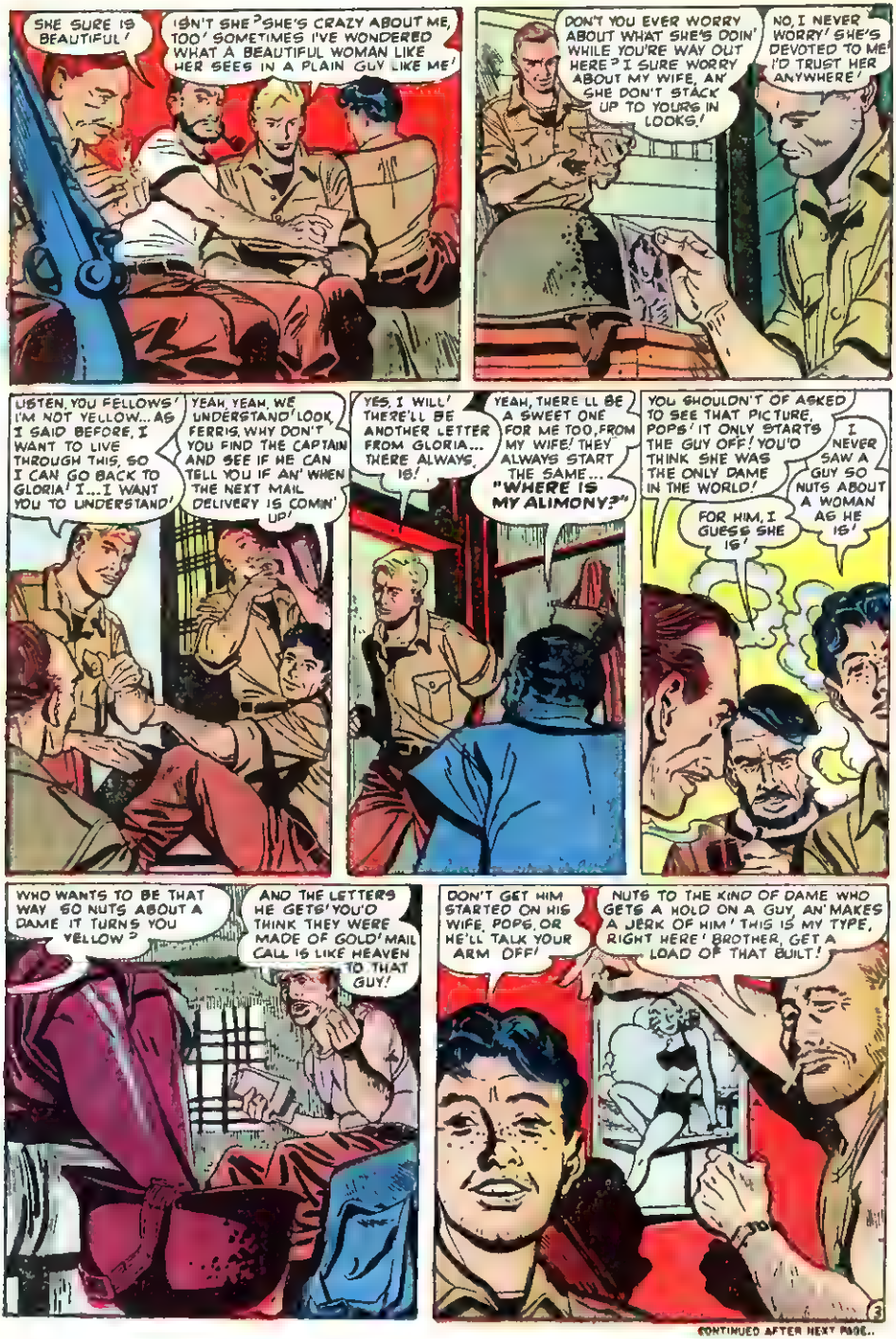
SHE SURE IS BEAUTIFUL!
ISN'T SHE? SHE'S CRAZY ABOUT ME, TOO! SOMETIMES I'VE WONDERED WHAT A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN LIKE HER SEES IN A PLAIN GUY LIKE ME!
DON'T YOU EVER WORRY ABOUT WHAT SHE'S DOIN' WHILE YOU'RE WAY OUT HERE? I SURE WORRY ABOUT MY WIFE, AN' SHE DON'T STACK UP TO YOURS IN LOOKS!
NO, I NEVER WORRY! SHE'S DEVOTED TO ME! I'D TRUST HER ANYWHERE!
LISTEN, YOU FELLOWS! I'M NOT YELLOW... AS I SAID BEFORE, I WANT TO LIVE THROUGH THIS, SO I CAN GO BACK TO GLORIA! I... I WANT YOU TO UNDERSTAND!
YEAH, YEAH, WE UNDERSTAND! LOOK, FERRIS, WHY DON'T YOU FIND THE CAPTAIN AND SEE IF HE CAN TELL YOU IF AN' WHEN THE NEXT MAIL DELIVERY IS COMIN' UP!
YES, I WILL! THERE'LL BE ANOTHER LETTER FROM GLORIA... THERE ALWAYS IS!
YEAH, THERE'LL BE A SWEET ONE FOR ME TOO, FROM MY WIFE! THEY ALWAYS START THE SAME... "WHERE IS MY ALIMONY?"
YOU SHOULDN'T OF ASKED TO SEE THAT PICTURE, POPS! IT ONLY STARTS THE GUY OFF! YOU'D THINK SHE WAS THE ONLY DAME IN THE WORLD!
I NEVER SAW A GUY SO NUTS ABOUT A WOMAN AS HE IS!
FOR HIM, I GUESS SHE IS!
WHO WANTS TO BE THAT WAY SO NUTS ABOUT A DAME IT TURNS YOU YELLOW?
AND THE LETTERS HE GETS! YOU'D THINK THEY WERE MADE OF GOLD! MAIL CALL IS LIKE HEAVEN TO THAT GUY!
DON'T GET HIM STARTED ON HIS WIFE, POPS, OR HE'LL TALK YOUR ARM OFF!
NUTS TO THE KIND OF DAME WHO GETS A HOLD ON A GUY, AN' MAKES A JERK OF HIM! THIS IS MY TYPE, RIGHT HERE! BROTHER, GET A LOAD OF THAT BUILT!
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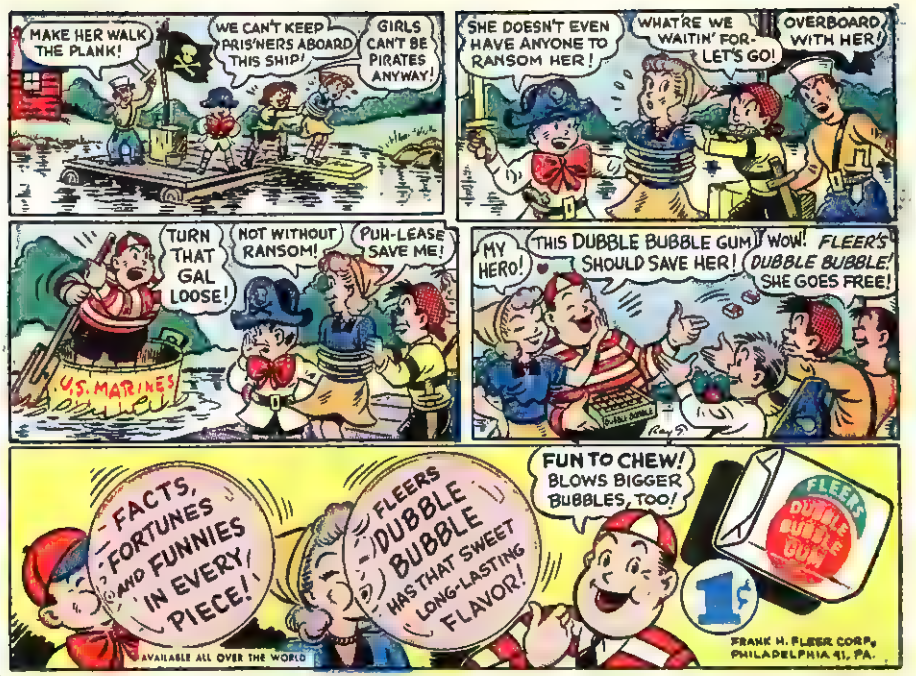
MAKE HER WALK THE PLANK!
WE CAN'T KEEP PRIS'NERS ABOARD THIS SHIP!
GIRLS CAN'T BE PIRATES ANYWAY!
SHE DOESN'T EVEN HAVE ANYONE TO RANSOM HER!
WHAT'RE WE WAITIN' FOR- LET'S GO!
OVERBOARD WITH HER!
TURN THAT GAL LOOSE!
NOT WITHOUT RANSOM!
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THAT'S FOR ME!
DON'T CROWD! HERE WE GO... BREMER.. KELLY... GOLDSTEIN!
THAT'S ME!
FERRIS! SOLANO! JONES!
HERE!
THAT'S ME!
HEY.. HOLY SMOKES! FELLERS... I'M A PAPA! CAN YOU BEAT THAT?
I JUST GOT TWO PASSES TO THE BIJOU THEATRE IN CINCINNATI! ANYBODY WANT TO TAKE HIS GIRL TO A SHOW?
FELLERS, I WANT YOU SHOULD BE THE FIRST TO CONGRATULATE ME! I'VE JUST RECEIVED NOTICE THAT I'M DRAFTED!
ANOTHER LETTER FROM YOUR WIFE, FERRIS, HUH? SHE NEVER MISSES!
YES, I...
YAROOO
ON YOUR FEET, MEN... IT'S AN ATTACK!

OH... YES...!
HEY, FERRIS, GET DOWN! WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YUH... YUH NUTS OR SOMETHING?
FALL BACK, MEN... FALL BACK!
HERE THEY COME!
THE RED CHINESE FORCES CAME FORWARD IN BLAZING WAVES, AND COMPANY "A" OUTNUMBERED, FELL BACK, FIGHTING DESPERATELY!
FERRIS... LOOK OUT!
COME ON, YUH LOUSY REDS... COME ON!
THE FIGHTING WAS HAND TO HAND THEN, AND IN THE MIDDLE OF IT, SNARLING AND FIGHTING LIKE A MADMAN WAS JACK FERRIS!
THE REDS FELL BACK, THE FIRST ASSAULT REPULSED, AND MASSED WITH REINFORCEMENTS COMING UP FROM THE REAR FOR A SECOND ATTACK!
GOOD WORK, MEN! WE'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE! WITH REINFORCEMENTS THEY'LL RUN RIGHT OVER US!
WHAT'S GOT INTO HIM... HE'S LIKE A MANIAC!
TAKE IT EASY, FERRIS!
CAPTAIN, THEY'VE GOT US TRAPPED! WE'RE HEMMED IN ON THREE SIDES! THE ONLY WAY OPEN IS NORTH!
THEN WE'LL MOVE NORTH! C'MON, MEN, IF YOU EXPECT TO GET OUT OF THIS ALIVE!
C'MON, FERRIS, YOU GOT BATTLE FATIGUE, OR SHOCK OR SOMETHIN'?

COMPANY "A" FELL BACK FROM CERTAIN ANNIHILATION! THE ONLY COURSE LEFT TO THEM WAS TO MOVE NORTH, QUICKLY! THEN AS THEY ROUNDED AN ARM OF WOODS ON THE NORTH TRAIL...
BACK INTO THE WOODS
RAT-TAT-TAT
ARRGH!
TAT-TAT
THEY GOT US TIED DOWN WITH THAT MACHINE GUN UNTIL THE OTHERS CAN COME UP! IT'S CURTAINS UNLESS WE CAN...
I'M GOING TO CLEAR THE WAY FOR YOU, FELLOWS!
HE RAN OUT INTO THE OPEN STRAIGHT FOR THE MACHINE GUN! THEY HEARD THE VICIOUS CHATTER OF THE GUN... THEY SAW HIS BODY JERK WITH BULLET IMPACT, AND THE DUST SPRAY FROM HIS CLOTHES, BUT HE KEPT ON, UNTIL HE WAS CLOSE ENOUGH!
RAT-TAT-TAT-TAT-TAT-TAT-
WHAT GOT INTO HIM... WHAT CHANGED HIM SO?
I DON'T GET... I JUST DON'T GET IT!
C'MON, MEN... ON THE DOUBLE!
TAKE HIS IDENTITY TAGS AND OTHER PERSONAL BELONGINGS TO SHIP BACK TO HIS WIFE!
HERE'S THE LETTER HE GOT JUST WHEN WE WERE ATTACKED!
WHO'D EVER THINK HE'D DO WHAT HE DID... END UP A HERO!
AFTER THE BURIAL...
HOW COULD A GUY CHANGE LIKE THAT IN A MINUTE?
THERE'S A REASON FOR EVERYTHING!
YOU'RE RIGHT, COWBOY! THIS LETTER IS THE REASON! LISTEN TO THIS...
...IT BEGINS... "DEAR JACK, I DON'T QUITE KNOW HOW TO WRITE THIS, BUT PERHAPS THE MOST DIRECT WAY WOULD BE THE BEST! JACK, I'VE FALLEN IN LOVE WITH ANOTHER MAN, AND I WANT A DIVORCE.."
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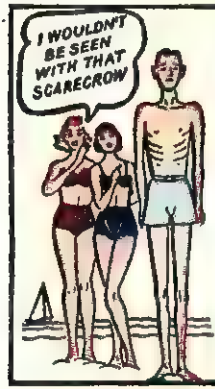

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"Hey, you ain't no Western Union messenger. You're a—"

Tod threw his weight against the door, knocking the man into the room. "That's right, Mr. Tony Blair, I'm a cop."

"Whaddya want with me? I ain't done nothin'."

"Then what are you shaking for? If you haven't done anything, you've got nothing to be afraid of."

"Cripes, a guy goes straight, and you cops come around and try to pin somethin' on a guy. I know your kind. You gotta wind up a case, so you find a fall guy. Well you ain't goin' to pin nothin' on me. I don't care what it is. I'm goin' straight, see? I ain't done nothin' I—"

"Aw, shut up!"

Tony Blair glared at the detective.

"I want to ask you some questions," said Tod. "So, just sit down and make yourself comfortable. Where were you last night at about ten o'clock?"

"Home."

"I suppose you have witnesses . . ."

"Sure. Feeney Shore was here, and some of the boys. We were havin' a little sociable game of poker."

"You know something, Blair?" said Hunter, "those guys won't stand up in a court of law, as an alibi."

Blair leaped from his seat. "Whaddya mean, court? I told you, I ain't done nothin'. Whaddya tryin' to pin on me?"

"The murder of Pop Jenks, Blair. And I have proof that you did it."

"You're crazy! You—"

His face was livid with rage, and suddenly he leaped for Tod Hunter. He caught the detective in a surprise attack, and Hunter went down. Tod pretended to be unconscious to see what Blair would do.

"You ain't goin' to frame me, copper! I'll show you!" He came forward with a blackjack that he had pulled out of his back pock-

et, and moved towards the figure lying on the floor. "I'll pretty up that face of yours but good. I'll—"

Tod shot him in the arm without pulling the gun out of his pocket.

"A-R-R-R-R-G-H!"

"Stay right where you are, Blair, or the next one will be right in your belly."

"I didn't do it! You can't prove I did it!"

"We'll see, Blair. We'll see."

They arrived at the station house about fifteen minutes later. Sergeant Knowles stared at Tod's dishevelment, and at Blair's hand which was wrapped in a blood-soaked towel.

"What happened, Lieutenant?" he said.

"A little rumpus, that's all. Take this guy in, book him for murder, and let Cal Johnson go."

"But, Lieutenant, how—"

"It's all right, Sergeant. I have enough evidence to send this rat to the chair." He pulled out the piece of newspaper that had been found clutched in Pop's hand, and spread it out on the Sergeant's desk. "You see," he continued, "when I remembered that a stickpin was found in Pop's hand, it didn't mean anything until I happened to smooth out this piece of crumpled paper. When I did that, I felt these little raised dots, made by the pin on the paper. When Pop went blind, I taught him the braille system of reading and writing, for the blind. Well, he didn't die right away. He lived long enough to sign the death warrant of his murderer, and he did it in braille. This reads: 'Tony Blair did it. Get him'."

"So you can let Cal go, and don't be too easy on this rat. The only thing I'm sorry about is that I had to ruin a good coat by shooting at the louse."

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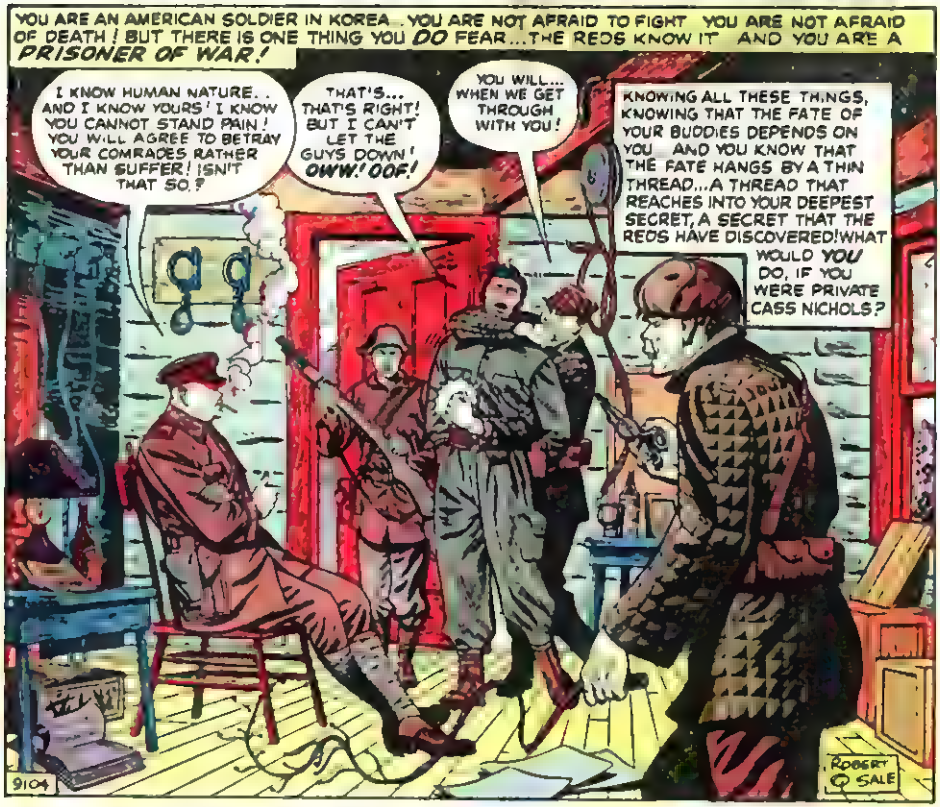
YOU ARE AN AMERICAN SOLDIER IN KOREA...YOU ARE NOT AFRAID TO FIGHT YOU ARE NOT AFRAID OF DEATH! BUT THERE IS ONE THING YOU DO FEAR...THE REDS KNOW IT AND YOU ARE A PRISONER OF WAR!
I KNOW HUMAN NATURE.. AND I KNOW YOURS! I KNOW YOU CANNOT STAND PAIN! YOU WILL AGREE TO BETRAY YOUR COMRADES RATHER THAN SUFFER! ISN'T THAT SO?
THAT'S... THAT'S RIGHT! BUT I CAN'T LET THE GUYS DOWN! OWW! OOF!
YOU WILL... WHEN WE GET THROUGH WITH YOU!
KNOWING ALL THESE THINGS, KNOWING THAT THE FATE OF YOUR BUDDIES DEPENDS ON YOU AND YOU KNOW THAT THE FATE HANGS BY A THIN THREAD...A THREAD THAT REACHES INTO YOUR DEEPEST SECRET, A SECRET THAT THE REDS HAVE DISCOVERED! WHAT WOULD YOU DO, IF YOU WERE PRIVATE CASS NICHOLS?
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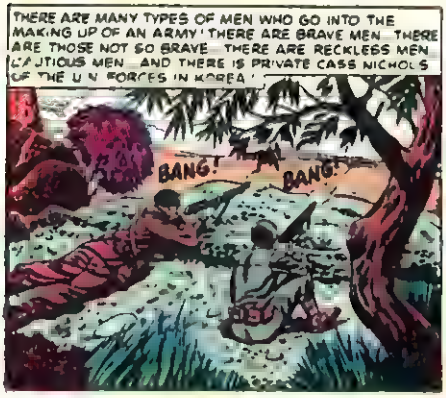
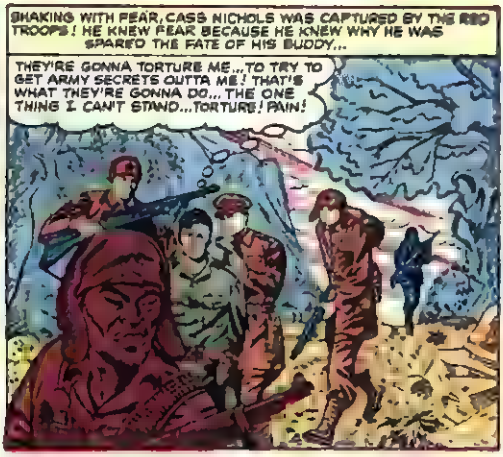
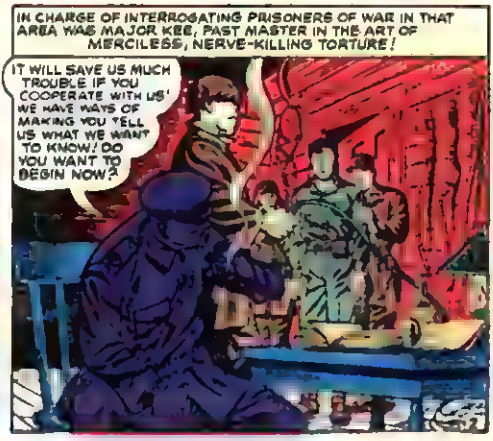

THERE ARE MANY TYPES OF MEN WHO GO INTO THE MAKING UP OF AN ARMY! THERE ARE BRAVE MEN. THERE ARE THOSE NOT SO BRAVE. THERE ARE RECKLESS MEN. CAUTIOUS MEN. AND THERE IS PRIVATE CASS NICHOLS OF THE U.N. FORCES IN KOREA!
BANG!
BANG!

WHAT? YA GONE LOCO? FIGHT, YA CHUMP! IF THEY CAPTURE YA THEY'LL TORTURE YOU!
NO! LET 'EM KILL ME! THEY'RE NOT TORTURIN' ME! KILL ME, YA RED SKUNKS! KILL ME!
BANG!
BANG!
BANG!

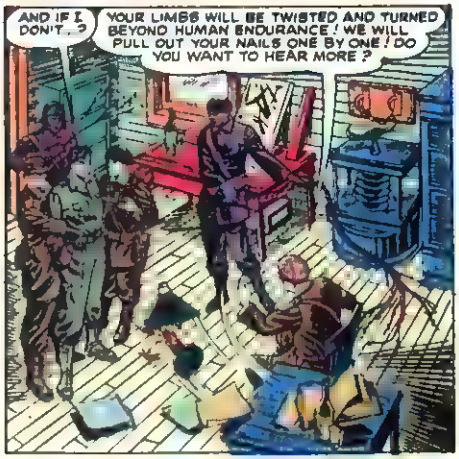

SHAKING WITH FEAR, CASS NICHOLS WAS CAPTURED BY THE RED TROOPS! HE KNEW FEAR BECAUSE HE KNEW WHY HE WAS SPARED THE FATE OF HIS BUDDY...
THEY'RE GONNA TORTURE ME...TO TRY TO GET ARMY SECRETS OUTTA ME! THAT'S WHAT THEY'RE GONNA DO... THE ONE THING I CAN'T STAND...TORTURE! PAIN!

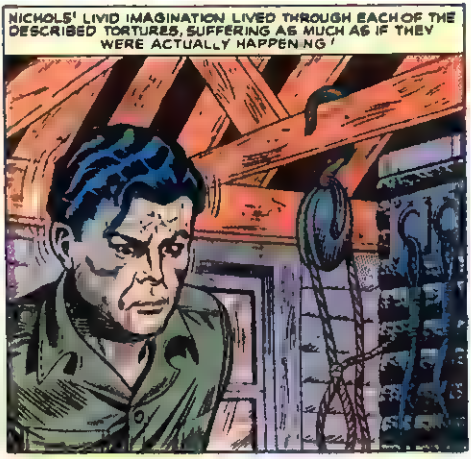
YES CASS NICHOLS, LIKE SO MANY OTHERS IN LIFE FEARED PROLONGED, CALCULATED PAIN ' HE WASN'T AFRAID OF DEATH OR THE RIGORS OF WAR ' WOUNDS WERE NO TERROR FOR HIM BUT, TORTURE!... PAIN...!
NO! I'LL CRACK! I'LL TALK! THEY SHOULDA KILLED ME! PHIL WAS LUCKY! HE GOT OFF EASY!
IN HERE, AMERICAN!


IN CHARGE OF INTERROGATING PRISONERS OF WAR IN THAT AREA WAS MAJOR KEE, PAST MASTER IN THE ART OF MERCILESS, NERVE-KILLING TORTURE!
IT WILL SAVE US MUCH TROUBLE IF YOU COOPERATE WITH US! WE HAVE WAYS OF MAKING YOU TELL US WHAT WE WANT TO KNOW! DO YOU WANT TO BEGIN NOW?

I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING! I'M JUST A FOOT SOLDIER A PRIVATE! WHAT DO I KNOW THAT'LL DO YOU ANY GOOD?
PLENTY! THE SIZE AND MORALE OF YOUR FORCES! BUT, MORE THAN THAT, WE WANT TO USE YOU!

USE ME? HOW?
WE WANT YOU TO BROADCAST TO YOUR ARMY... TELL THEM TO GO HOME... THAT THEIR CAUSE IS HOPELESS THAT THERE ARE MILLIONS AND MILLIONS OF SOLDIERS IN THE RED ARMY! TELL THEM TO GIVE UP!


AND IF I DON'T...?
YOUR LIMBS WILL BE TWISTED AND TURNED BEYOND HUMAN ENDURANCE! WE WILL PULL OUT YOUR NAILS ONE BY ONE! DO YOU WANT TO HEAR MORE?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WHAT YOU CAN DO ABOUT PIMPLES

Acne, Blackheads, and other externally caused Skin Blemishes

WHEN pimply skin is your problem, the first thing to get straight is that you can and *should* do something about it. To develop the attractiveness of your face is not mere vanity. It is an "open sesame" towards bringing the real YOU closer to other people and giving your personality the poise and confidence it needs. Your good qualities — intelligence, character, dignity — all go to naught... are completely cancelled out by a skin that "nobody loves to touch." Remember, the **YOU that people see first is your face.**

SKIN PROBLEMS DEMAND IMMEDIATE CARE

Medical statistics tell us that blemished skin usually occurs from adolescence on through adult life. The problem at the adolescent stage is serious enough to deserve attentive care as a family matter. In adulthood, when life's responsibilities are so much weightier, it is doubly important to exert great effort to eliminate these blemishes. And, there is no better time to get pimples under control than *now*.

DON'T ABUSE SKIN

The first instinctive reaction to pimples and blackheads is to squeeze them out with your fingers.

A bit of experimentation along these lines soon provides convincing proof that this succeeds only in inflaming your skin and spreading the infection. Under no circumstances should pimples and blackheads ever be squeezed.

MICROSCOPE SHOWS IMPORTANT BASIS FOR EXTERNALLY CAUSED PIMPLES AND BLACKHEADS

Let's take a look through the microscope to see what's behind those unsightly pimples. The high-powered lenses show your skin coated with a covering which originated from two sources -one, internally and the other, externally

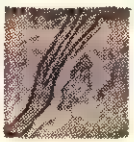
The internal substances on your skin include dead cells, residue from the sweat glands, and a high quantity of oil excreted by the sebaceous glands. A most important factor in skin disorders occurs when thousands of these tiny sebaceous glands discharge more oil than the skin can use for lubrication. Unless special care is given, the oil forms a heavy film which attracts foreign matter to your skin much as any oil mop picks up dust. These infectious external substances may be classified into three general groups:

1. Airborne materials such as dust, pollens, condensation products of smoke, vapors, etc.

2. Materials brought in contact with the skin, such as tiny fragments of clothing, bedding, cosmetics.

3. Micro-organisms such as bacteria and fungi.

See the difference between a healthy skin and a pimply skin in the microscopic reproductions below.



A. Normal skin

B. Sick, pimply skin

Diagram A shows a normal-size, smoothly functioning sebaceous gland. Diagram B pictures sick, pimply skin. Notice that the sebaceous gland is a swollen mass of trapped oil, waste and infectious bacteria.

TRY THIS SENSIBLE WAY

Two sensible aims to achieve in controlling this skin condition are: to clear the pores of clogging matter, and to inhibit the excessive oiliness of the skin. Toward these ends, Dornol Products' research makes available two formulas. One is to aid in thorough cleansing by highly detergent penetration which simplifies the removal of waste and foreign matter. The other is to discourage oiliness with clinically-proved ingredients, and to kill infectious bacteria often associated with externally caused pimples and blackheads.

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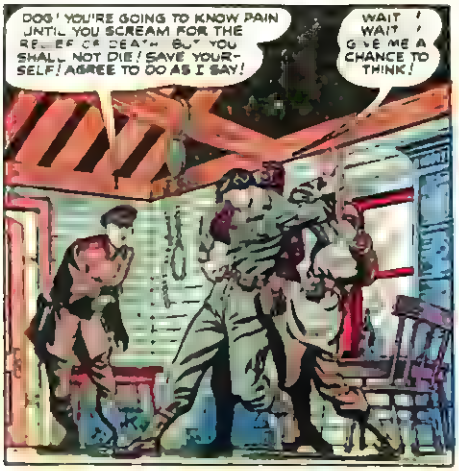
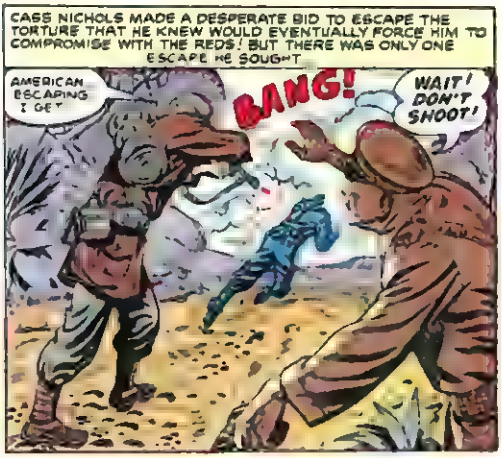
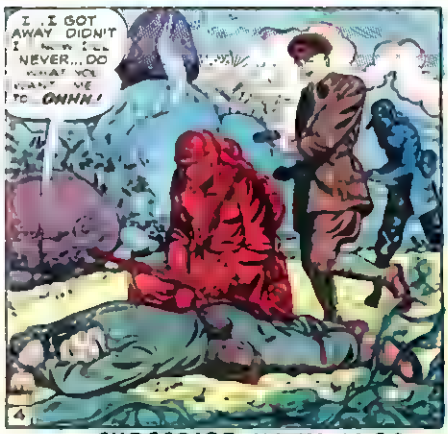
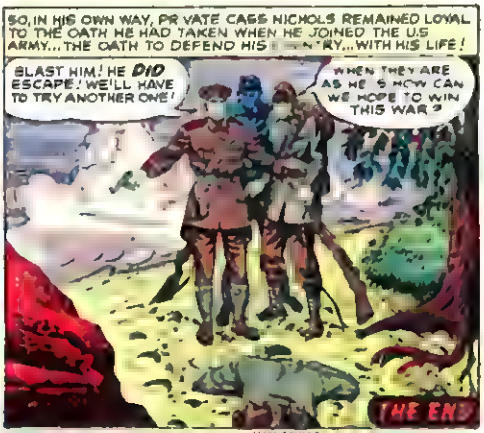

DOG! YOU'RE GOING TO KNOW PAIN UNTIL YOU SCREAM FOR THE RELIEF OF DEATH! BUT YOU SHALL NOT DIE! SAVE YOURSELF! AGREE TO DO AS I SAY!
WAIT! WAIT! GIVE ME A CHANCE TO THINK!

THINK, THEN! BUT I KNOW HUMAN NATURE! I KNOW YOURS! I KNOW YOU CANNOT STAND PAIN! YOU WILL AGREE TO BETRAY YOUR COMRADES RATHER THAN SUFFER!
THAT'S RIGHT! I'LL DO ANYTHING RATHER THAN GO THROUGH THAT PAIN! ANYTHING!


CASS NICHOLS MADE A DESPERATE BID TO ESCAPE THE TORTURE THAT HE KNEW WOULD EVENTUALLY FORCE HIM TO COMPROMISE WITH THE REDS! BUT THERE WAS ONLY ONE ESCAPE HE SOUGHT...
AMERICAN ESCAPING I GET
BANG!
WAIT! DON'T SHOOT!




SO, IN HIS OWN WAY, PRIVATE CASS NICHOLS REMAINED LOYAL TO THE OATH HE HAD TAKEN WHEN HE JOINED THE U.S. ARMY... THE OATH TO DEFEND HIS COUNTRY... WITH HIS LIFE!
BLAST HIM! HE DID ESCAPE! WE'LL HAVE TO TRY ANOTHER ONE!
WHEN THEY ARE AS HE IS NOW CAN WE HOPE TO WIN THIS WAR?
THE END

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WAR NERVES

I THOUGHT THE TOWN WAS HANDING ME A RAW DEAL! I THOUGHT THEY WERE USING ME TO THEIR OWN ADVANTAGE! WHAT ELSE WOULD THEY WANT WITH ME..JUST A PLAIN GUY JUST A G.I. NAMED LARRY JONES? YES, WHAT ELSE?

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I'D DONE NEARLY A YEAR'S HITCH IN THE KOREAN WAR, AND WAS GIVEN LEAVE FOR HOME! HOME TO CENTERTON! I ARRIVED THERE AHEAD OF SCHEDULE AND MADE AN UNEXPECTED APPEARANCE IN THE NEAT WHITE STUCCO HOUSE THAT WAS HOME TO ME!...

AUNT MARTHA!

LARRY! LARRY! IS IT REALLY YOU? OH...LARRY!

GOOD OLD AUNT MARTHA...LIKE A MOTHER TO ME! SHE'D RAISED ME SINCE I WAS A TOT...

WHY DIDN'T YOU LET ME KNOW YOU'D BE HOME IN TIME FOR DINNER? I WOULD HAVE BAKED YOUR FAVORITE PIE!

PLENTY OF TIME FOR THAT, AUNTIE! LOOKS LIKE I'M HOME TO STAY AWHILE!

LET ME TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT YOU! MY, YOU LOOK FINE... YOU'RE A REAL HERO, LARRY! A WAR HERO! WE HEARD ABOUT THE THINGS YOU DID!
THEY WEREN'T ANYTHING SPECIAL ... WHAT'S SPECIAL IS CENTERTON, BEING HOME!
DINNER WAS SWELL... HOME-COOKED, WITH AUNT MARTHA'S SPECIAL TOUCH. .
HOW'S EVERYONE AUNTIE? HOW'S MY PAL, BILL? EVER SEE HIM AROUND?
OH YES! HE DROPS IN. WE TALK ABOUT YOU.. HOW YOU LED THE TANK UNIT AND SAVED YOUR MEN WHEN YOU WERE COMPLETELY SURROUNDED... HAVE SOME MORE CHICKEN, LARRY!
THANKS, BUT I'M FULL UP... LOOK, AUNT MARTHA, WHAT I DID IN THE WAR WAS NOTHING! LET'S FORGET IT! I'M HOME ... I'D LIKE TO TROT AROUND TOWN A WHILE AND SURPRISE BILL!
OF COURSE, LARRY... I KNOW YOU'LL WANT TO SEE EVERYONE!
IT WAS SWELL WALKING DOWN FAMILIAR STREETS... AND THEN SOMETHING UNEXPECTED HAPPENED! PEOPLE BEGAN CROWDING AROUND ME!
LARRY! PLEASE... GIVE ME YOUR AUTOGRAPH!
LOOK! THE HERO'S BACK! LARRY JONES IS HOME!
!?
DAZED, BEWILDERED, I FINALLY WORMED MY WAY OUT OF THE EVER-INCREASING CROWD! BUT SOMEONE GRABBED MY ARM! MR. GRAY, ONCE HIGH-SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, NOW HEAD OF CITY COUNCIL...
LARRY JONES! THIS IS A GREAT DAY FOR CENTERTON! MY BOY, WE HAVE SO MUCH PLANNED FOR YOU!
PLANNED FOR ME? WHAT FOR, MR. GRAY? WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?
NOW, NOW. . DON'T BE SO MODEST, MY BOY! YOU'RE A HERO! YOUR FINE SOLDIERING IN KOREA MADE THE NEWS STORIES! CENTERTON IS MIGHTY PROUD,. AND WE WANT TO SHOW OUR APPRECIATION!
MR. GRAY, I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING MUCH... PLEASE DON'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT! ... JUST FORGET IT... I HAVE TO RUN ALONG NOW... EXCUSE ME!
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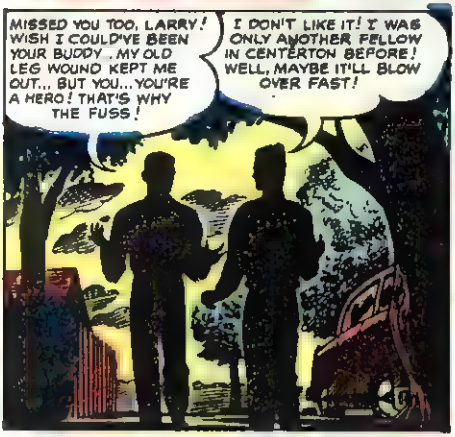
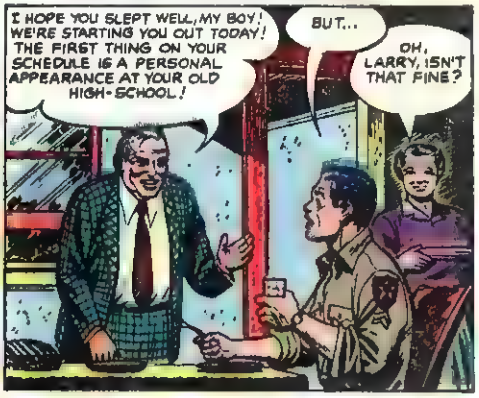
OF COURSE, MY BOY, WE DON'T WANT TO RUSH YOU THE FIRST DAY! YOU'RE PROBABLY TIRED, HAVE TO CATCH UP ON SLEEP!
FIRST DAY!...THERE'D BETTER NOT BE ANY MORE OF THIS BUSINESS!

I HEADED FOR SANDY'S DRUG STORE! BILL USUALLY HUNG AROUND THERE AFTER DINNER. AFTER WHAT HAPPENED, I DIDN'T DARE VENTURE INTO ANYMORE CROWDS SO I TAPPED ON A SIDE WINDOW... OUR OLD SIGNAL, 3 LONGS, 2 SHORTS...!

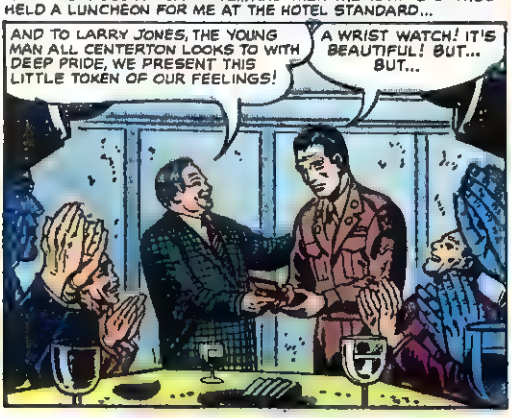
GREAT TO SEE YOU! GOSH, LARRY IT'S GREAT! BUT WHY THE SECRECY?
IT'S THE TOWN... THEY FUSSED OVER ME SO! BUT YOU WON'T BILL... NOT YOU, CHUM! IT'S SWELL SEEING YOU! I MISSED YOU!


MISSED YOU TOO, LARRY! WISH I COULD'VE BEEN YOUR BUDDY. MY OLD LEG WOUND KEPT ME OUT... BUT YOU...YOU'RE A HERO! THAT'S WHY THE FUSS!
I DON'T LIKE IT! I WAS ONLY ANOTHER FELLOW IN CENTERTON BEFORE! WELL, MAYBE IT'LL BLOW OVER FAST!

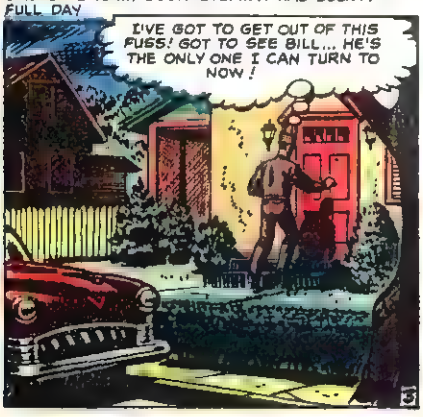
IT DIDN'T SEEM TO BLOW OVER! MR. GRAY WASTED NO TIME ..RIGHT AFTER BREAKFAST NEXT DAY...


I HOPE YOU SLEPT WELL, MY BOY! WE'RE STARTING YOU OUT TODAY! THE FIRST THING ON YOUR SCHEDULE IS A PERSONAL APPEARANCE AT YOUR OLD HIGH-SCHOOL!
BUT...
OH, LARRY, ISN'T THAT FINE?

MY AUNT TOO SEEMED TO BE COOPERATING WITH ALL THIS FUSS! A HIGH-SCHOOL APPEARANCE... AND THEN THE TOWN BIG-WIGS HELD A LUNCHEON FOR ME AT THE HOTEL STANDARD...


AND TO LARRY JONES, THE YOUNG MAN ALL CENTERTON LOOKS TO WITH DEEP PRIDE, WE PRESENT THIS LITTLE TOKEN OF OUR FEELINGS!
A WRIST WATCH! IT'S BEAUTIFUL! BUT... BUT...

TWILIGHT WAS DEEPENING AS MR. GRAY FINALLY DROVE ME TO MY DOOR-STEP... IT HAD BEEN A FULL DAY



BILL AND I HAD TO DO OUR CHINNING UP IN HIS ROOM... I WENT UP THE BACK WAY...
I'M NOBODY MUCH... JUST PLAIN LARRY JONES! BUT THEY WANT THIS FUSS! THE TOWN WANTS SOME NEW EXCITEMENT! MR. GRAY, BEING HEAD OF CITY COUNCIL, STARTED THINGS BOOMING...
CALM DOWN, COOL OFF... YOU'RE A HERO!
DON'T GO FALLING IN STEP! SURE, I'LL COOL OFF DOWN BY THE CREEK! HOW ABOUT GOING FISHING SATURDAY, BILL? LIKE OLD TIMES!
IT'S A DATE! FISHING ON SATURDAY! SWELL!
THAT WAS THE ONE PLAN I HAD TO LOOK FORWARD TO... THE NEXT DAY ALL WAS QUIET! BUT TOWARD EVENING AS I WAS FIXING THE BACKYARD FENCE AND FEELING NORMAL AGAIN, MR. GRAY SWOOPED DOWN ON ME!
LARRY, MY BOY! IT'S ALL SET! IT WILL BE ONE OF CENTERTON'S BIGGEST DAYS... A PARADE IN YOUR HONOR, STORE SOUVENIRS... THE TOWN BAND... IT'S ALL SET FOR SATURDAY!
PARADE? BAND? SOUVENIRS? ... SATURDAY?... NO!
NO, MR. GRAY! I'VE MADE OTHER ARRANGEMENTS FOR SATURDAY! I'M GOING FISHING WITH MY BUDDY, BILL SWIFT...
OH, THAT'S ALL TAKEN CARE OF! I SPOKE TO BILL THIS AFTERNOON! HE'S GOING TO BE IN THE PARADE AND HE'S ALSO AGREED TO SING! HE HAS A FINE BARITONE VOICE!
BILL WON'T GIVE UP THE FISHING TO JOIN IN THIS HOCUS-POCUS... UNLESS... UNLESS... NO... HE WOULDN'T DO THAT... I'VE GOT TO FIND OUT...
I'VE AN ERRAND TO DO, MR. GRAY! EXCUSE ME!
OF COURSE... DON'T FORGET, SATURDAY, MY BOY! THE PARADE WILL BEGIN AT 10 SHARP!
A DARK THOUGHT LURKED IN MY MIND! BILL HAD ALWAYS WANTED TO BE A PROFESSIONAL SINGER! HIS SINGING ON SATURDAY COULD MEAN ONLY ONE THING THEN... ATTRACTING PUBLIC ATTENTION... MAYBE A CONTRACT... I CORNERED BILL COMING HOME FROM HIS MECHANIC'S JOB...
BILL! YOU DIDN'T BREAK OUR FISHING DATE, DID YOU? YOU'RE NOT GOING TO SING IN THE PARADE!
SURE I'M SINGING!
OKAY... OKAY... THAT'S ALL I WANT TO KNOW! I HOPE YOU GET WHAT YOU WANT...
LARRY! ...WAIT!
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I DIDN'T WAIT! I SCOOTED FAST FOR HOME AND EVEN THERE...

ISN'T IT WONDERFUL ABOUT THE PARADE? I HAD THIS GREEN SILK MATERIAL TO MAKE IT INTO A DRESS! BUT I HAD NO IMPORTANT OCCASION TO WEAR IT! NOW I HAVE!

EVEN AUNT MARTHA! SHE'S CAUGHT UP WITH THE EXCITEMENT. A CHANCE TO SHOW OFF .. LIKE EVERYONE ELSE...

HOPE I GET NEW ARMY ORDERS SOON! IF I'M NOT CALLED BACK, I'LL LEAVE HERE ANYWAY. GET A JOB FAR AWAY! I'LL GIVE THEM THEIR TREAT SATURDAY.. THAT'S ALL! I HATE THEM.. ESPECIALLY MR. GRAY! THE OLD GOAT STARTED IT ALL!

SATURDAY BEGAN WITH A BANG! THEY ESCORTED ME TO AN OPEN CAR! I HAD TO STAND UP AND WAVE AS WE WOUND THROUGH THE TOWN...

WITH THIS CROWD OUT, THE STORES'LL BE DOING A TREMENDOUS BUSINESS... IT'S ALL A COMMERCIAL STUNT... HOPPED-UP EXCITEMENT!

HERE WE ARE! YOU'LL BE THE FIRST TO MOUNT THE PLATFORM, MY BOY! THE NEWS PHOTOGRAPHERS ARE WAITING!

GREAT SCOTT! I.. I CAN'T GO THROUGH WITH THIS.. I'M DUCKING OUT!

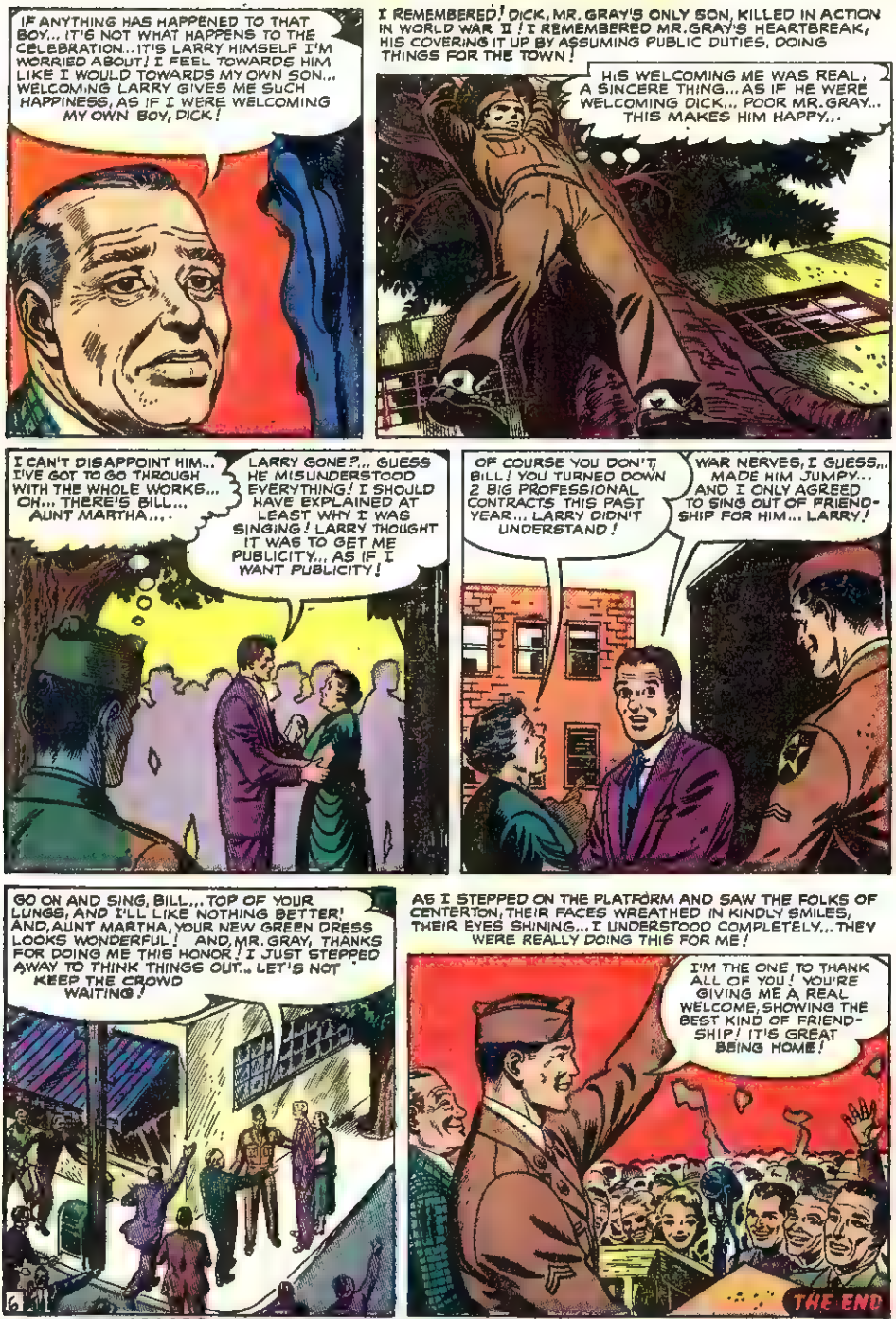
IT HAPPENED QUICKLY AS THE CROWDS PRESSED CLOSE TO THE PLATFORM, IN THE RUSH, ATTENTION WAS MOMENTARILY AWAY FROM ME! I DUCKED, I RAN AROUND THE CORNER!

THE STREETS ARE BLOCKED OFF! I'D BE SPOTTED! I'LL HIDE UP IN THIS TREE AND WATCH... WATCH THIS WHOLE FANCY SHINDIG GO SMASH!

I WATCHED WITH PLEASURE! I SAW MR. GRAY NO LONGER BEAMING... YES, IT PLEASED ME...

WHERE'S LARRY? WHERE DID THE BOY GO? SOMETHING MUST HAVE HAPPENED TO HIM!

EASY NOW, MR. GRAY.. MAYBE HE'S JUST TAKING A BREATHER.. A LOT OF EXCITEMENT FOR THE LAD!


IF ANYTHING HAS HAPPENED TO THAT BOY... IT'S NOT WHAT HAPPENS TO THE CELEBRATION... IT'S LARRY HIMSELF I'M WORRIED ABOUT! I FEEL TOWARDS HIM LIKE I WOULD TOWARDS MY OWN SON... WELCOMING LARRY GIVES ME SUCH HAPPINESS, AS IF I WERE WELCOMING MY OWN BOY, DICK!
I REMEMBERED! DICK, MR. GRAY'S ONLY SON, KILLED IN ACTION IN WORLD WAR II! I REMEMBERED MR. GRAY'S HEARTBREAK, HIS COVERING IT UP BY ASSUMING PUBLIC DUTIES, DOING THINGS FOR THE TOWN!
HIS WELCOMING ME WAS REAL, A SINCERE THING... AS IF HE WERE WELCOMING DICK... POOR MR. GRAY... THIS MAKES HIM HAPPY...
I CAN'T DISAPPOINT HIM... I'VE GOT TO GO THROUGH WITH THE WHOLE WORKS... OH... THERE'S BILL... AUNT MARTHA...
LARRY GONE?... GUESS HE MISUNDERSTOOD EVERYTHING! I SHOULD HAVE EXPLAINED AT LEAST WHY I WAS SINGING! LARRY THOUGHT IT WAS TO GET ME PUBLICITY... AS IF I WANT PUBLICITY!
OF COURSE YOU DON'T, BILL! YOU TURNED DOWN 2 BIG PROFESSIONAL CONTRACTS THIS PAST YEAR... LARRY DIDN'T UNDERSTAND!
WAR NERVES, I GUESS... MADE HIM JUMPY... AND I ONLY AGREED TO SING OUT OF FRIENDSHIP FOR HIM... LARRY!
GO ON AND SING, BILL... TOP OF YOUR LUNGS, AND I'LL LIKE NOTHING BETTER! AND, AUNT MARTHA, YOUR NEW GREEN DRESS LOOKS WONDERFUL! AND, MR. GRAY, THANKS FOR DOING ME THIS HONOR! I JUST STEPPED AWAY TO THINK THINGS OUT... LET'S NOT KEEP THE CROWD WAITING!
AS I STEPPED ON THE PLATFORM AND SAW THE FOLKS OF CENTERTON, THEIR FACES WREATHED IN KINDLY SMILES, THEIR EYES SHINING... I UNDERSTOOD COMPLETELY... THEY WERE REALLY DOING THIS FOR ME!
I'M THE ONE TO THANK ALL OF YOU! YOU'RE GIVING ME A REAL WELCOME, SHOWING THE BEST KIND OF FRIENDSHIP! IT'S GREAT BEING HOME!
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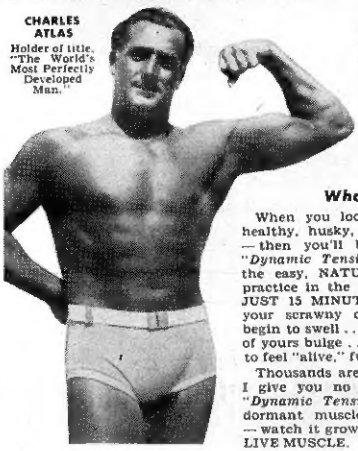

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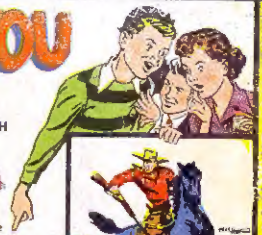

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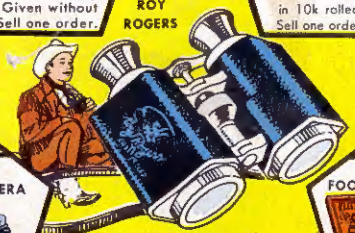

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